



## JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title: **Specialist**

Working Title: **Herbicide Applicator**

Class Code: 5304

Non-Exempt

EEO Code: 07

Effective Date: August 30, 2002

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### **Major Function**

Work involves the application, mixing, and proper storage of chemicals and fertilizers for control of weeds, grasses, and other vegetation on County right-of-ways, drainage areas, retention areas, and athletic fields.

### **Essential Functions**

*Note: These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is a logical assignment to the position.*

Stores, mixes, and applies a variety of chemicals and fertilizers in accordance with supervisory direction or manufacture's specifications. Uses proper protective and safety equipment in the mixing, storing, and application of chemicals and fertilizers.

Operates tools, spray equipment, machinery, light and heavy equipment (trucks, mowers, tractors, etc.) in the maintenance of ditches, drainage canals, right-of-way, retention/detention ponds, or athletic fields. Performs maintenance work as necessary to complete work assignments.

Reports problems or potential problems occurring in the application of herbicides. Provides direction and/or training to other personnel as required by work assignments or supervisor.

Performs daily preventive maintenance and minor mechanical maintenance on assigned equipment.

Maintains records of chemical application and chemical inventory and submits reports on work performed.

Performs other duties as assigned or as may be necessary.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

Knowledge of equipment, materials, and chemicals used in a herbicide and fertilizer program. Knowledge of chemical application, storage procedures and safety procedures for handling chemicals properly. Knowledge of effective operation of mowers, tractors, spray equipment, and other light equipment. Knowledge of safety rules and regulations regarding storage and handling of chemicals.

Ability to understand and carry out general instructions. Ability to operate and maintain light and heavy equipment. Ability to compile and maintain work records.



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Ability to read and write, and one (1) year semi-skilled work experience including operation of light equipment such as trucks, mowers, tractors, and/or commercial lawn maintenance equipment.

### **Special Note:**

#### **For positions in the Public Works Department:**

Must possess an Applicator of Chemicals License/Certification, Public Classification as issued by the State of Florida for Right of Way and Aquatics, or obtain within six (6) months of employment.

Must possess and maintain a valid Florida Commercial Drivers License Class "B".

#### **For positions in the Parks & Recreation Division:**

Must possess an Applicator of Chemicals License/Certification, Public Classification as issued by the State of Florida, or obtain within six (6) months of employment.

Must possess and maintain a valid Florida Commercial Driver's License Class "A".

*A comparable amount of education, training, or experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.*

### **Working Conditions**

The work environment for this position typically includes working outside, and in a stockroom or warehouse. This type of work normally would have a high exposure to dust, dirt, and grease in the work environment. This position requires extensive safety training and the wearing of protective devices and equipment. Work performed by this position would regularly include exposure to moving machinery and/or vehicles. Incumbents in this position have regular exposure to chemicals, solvents, fumes and/or gases. This position has regular exposure to the elements.

The physical efforts required of this position typically require prolonged standing, walking, bending, crouching, stooping, or kneeling. The incumbent will be required to climb ladders and platforms. This position requires heavy lifting in excess of 50 pounds.